

# What do you envision for creeks in your neighborhood?

Visit the **Creek Information Station** at the Downtown Market and climb aboard the Rosie Trolley for a **Creek Explorer Tour**  
Wednesday May 28 - 6 pm and 7 pm  
Wednesday June 18 - 6 pm and 7 pm

Please also join us for

## Creek Planning Workshops

to share your ideas and learn about creeks in your neighborhood

### Roseland and Colgan Creeks

Roseland Elementary School  
Wednesday June 4  
6:30 to 8:30 pm

### Brush, Austin, and Ducker Creeks

Rincon Valley Library  
Monday June 9  
6:30 to 8:30 pm

### Piner, Peterson, and Coffey Creeks

Piner High School  
Wednesday June 25  
6:30 to 8:30 pm

### Paulin Creek

Steele Lane Community Center  
Thursday July 10  
6:30 to 8:30 pm

### Spring and Matanzas Creeks

Montgomery High School  
Wednesday July 16  
6:30 to 8:30 pm

**For more information or to schedule a Creek Master Plan presentation for your organization, please contact:**

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**Also visit us at:**

**[http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/pworks/stormwater/creek\\_restoration.asp](http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/pworks/stormwater/creek_restoration.asp)**



*Creeks offer an opportunity for outdoor exploration.*

## Project Partners

City of Santa Rosa

Sonoma County Water Agency

National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and  
Conservation Assistance Program

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and  
Open Space District



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# Help create a Master Plan for all of our creeks in Santa Rosa



*Santa Rosa Creek near Stony Point Road.*

In 1993 the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Water Agency, and the County of Sonoma adopted a Master Plan for Santa Rosa Creek.

Your help is needed to develop a

## Citywide Creek Master Plan

that will protect and enhance the more than 70 miles of creeks that flow through the City of Santa Rosa. The Plan will address a broad range of topics including habitat restoration, continued flood protection, recreation opportunities, economic benefits, educational opportunities, water quality, public health and safety, aesthetic qualities, open space, and cultural and archeological resources.

The Plan will be developed consistent with the Goals of the City's General Plan.

**Everyone can participate!**



# What are the Benefits of a Healthy Creek?

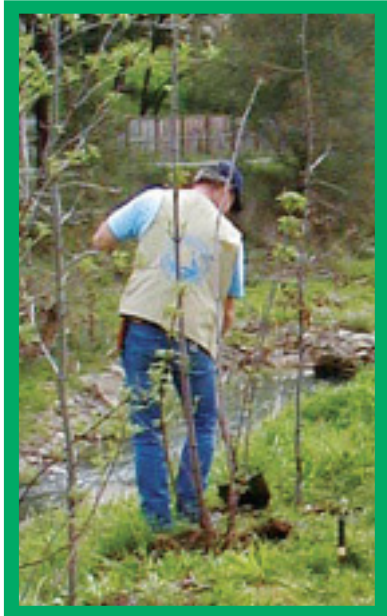


Chinook salmon after spawning in Santa Rosa Creek.

Creeks are **habitat**. Birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians are some of the wildlife that depend on riparian corridors for survival.

Good **water quality** (clean and cool) supports steelhead trout and chinook salmon, both federally-listed as threatened.

People enjoy the peace and natural beauty of **open space**. Springtime wildflower blooms, shade from an alder tree, and the whisper of flowing water are some of the **aesthetic values** of healthy creeks.



Creek Stewards care for their creeks.

Santa Rosa's creeks also transport storm water runoff to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, providing **flood protection** for residents and their property.

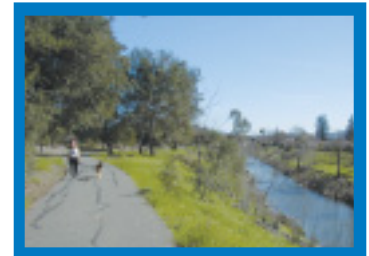
Preservation and enhancement of habitat in some creek areas while providing public access in others can also provide unique **educational opportunities** for students of all ages.



High school students sample benthic macroinvertebrates (bugs) in Matanzas Creek.

An integrated creekside trail system allows for **recreation** including walks, bike rides, birdwatching, or simple enjoyment of the outdoors.

Healthy creeks are an important part of the ecological and social fabric of our **community**. Creeks that are cared for are recognized sources of pride and inspiration. Get involved and help create a vision for creeks in Santa Rosa!



Walking along a creek trail.



# Creeks and Watersheds of Santa Rosa

